

VIA FACSIMILE - GROUP ART UNIT 1765 at fax no. 703-305-3599

Attorney Docket No. 33082R003

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : NANBU, et al.

Serial No. : 09/233,073 Examiner: Vinh, L.

Filed : January 19, 1999 Group Art Unit: 1765

For : METHOD OF ETCHING

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

November 24, 2000

Sir:

Applicants, through their undersigned attorney, respectfully request a one month extension of time to file a CPA in lieu of an Appeal Brief, subsequent to filing a Notice of Appeal which was filed August 24, 2000. The time for response is thus extended up to, and including, November 24, 2000.

A Continued Prosecution Application is being filed concurrently herewith. Payment of the \$110 fee due for the extension of time is hereby authorized by way of a charge to Deposit Account No. 02-4300. Authorization is also given to charge any additional fees that may be necessary, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-4300.

Respectfully submitted,

SMITH, GAMBRELL & RUSSELL, LLP  
The Beveridge, Degrandi, Weilacher & Young  
Intellectual Property Group

12/13/2000 VAUGBURN 00000002 024300 09233073

02 FC:115 110.00 CH

By: *[Signature]*

Dennis C. Rodgers (32,936)  
1850 M Street, N.W., Suite 800  
Washington, D.C. 20036  
Telephone: (202) 659-2811  
Facsimile: (202) 659-1462

November 24, 2000